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SOUTH DAKOTA GAS RATE SCHEDULE

NORTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE
HURON
SOUTH DAKOTA

Section No. 3
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CLASS OF SERVICE: Residential Gas Service
RATE DESIGNATION: Firm Sales

Rate No. 81

1. Applicability

This rate is available to domestic customers whose maximum requirements for natural gas are not more than 200 therms per day. The name plate input ratings of all gas burning equipment shall be used to determine a customer's maximum requirements, based on 10 hours use per day.

2. Territory

The area served with natural gas by the Company in South Dakota.

3. Rates

Monthly Charges:

Customer Charge per Meter: \$ 6.00 (I)

Non-Gas Commodity Charge:

First 30 therms, per therm \$ 0.2055 (I)

Over 30 therms, per therm \$ 0.1270 (I)

Standby Capacity Charge - December through March: \$ 12.00

Minimum Monthly Bill: \$ 6.00 (I)

Adjustment Clauses:

- a. Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet Nos. 9, 9a, 9b)
- b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet No. 10)
- c. BTU Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet Nos. 12, 12a)
- d. Manufactured Gas Plant Removal Cost Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet No. 11)

4. Other Provisions

The Standby Charge is applicable to customers using service pursuant to this schedule as a backup fuel source to an alternately fueled heating system. This charge is not applicable where natural gas service is the primary heating fuel source.

Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions.

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Freeman Residential Gas Service
RATE DESIGNATION: Firm Sales

Rate No.81F

1. Applicability

This rate is available to former City of Freeman customers on Schedules Table 1 and Table 2.

2. Territory

The territory is limited to the city of Freeman and surrounding area previously served by the municipal system.

3. Rates

Monthly Charges:

Customer Charge per Meter: \$ 8.00

Non-Gas Commodity Charge:	
All Therms, per therm	\$ 0.2290

Minimum Monthly Bill: \$ 8.00

Adjustment Clauses:

- a. Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet Nos. 9, 9a, 9b)
- b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet No. 10)
- c. BTU Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet Nos. 12, 12a)

4. Other Provisions

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CLASS OF SERVICE: General Gas Service
RATE DESIGNATION: Firm Sales

Rate No. 82

1. Applicability

This rate is available to non-residential customers whose maximum requirements for natural gas are not more than 200 therms per day. If no historical peak day usage is available, the name plate input ratings of all gas burning equipment shall be used to determine a customer's maximum requirements.

2. Territory

The area served with natural gas by the Company in South Dakota.

3. Rates

Monthly Charges:

<i>Customer Charge</i> per Meter:	\$ 7.00	(I)
<i>Non-Gas Commodity Charge:</i>		
First 400 therms, per therm	\$ 0.1309	(I)
Next 1,600 therms, per therm	\$ 0.0891	(I)
Over 2,000 therms, per therm	\$ 0.0541	
<i>Standby Capacity Charge - December through March:</i>	\$ 37.00	

Minimum Monthly Bill: \$ 7.00 (I)

Adjustment Clauses:

- a. Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet Nos. 9, 9a, 9b)
- b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet No. 10)
- c. BTU Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet Nos. 12, 12a)
- d. Manufactured Gas Plant Removal Cost Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet No. 11)

4. Other Provisions

The Standby Charge is applicable to customers using service pursuant to this schedule as a backup fuel source to an alternately fueled heating system. This charge is not applicable where natural gas service is the primary heating fuel source.

Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions.

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Rate No. 82F

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Rate No. 82F1

1. **Applicability**
This rate is available to former City of Freeman customers on Schedules Table 5, 6, 7 and 14.
2. **Territory**
The territory is limited to the city of Freeman and surrounding area previously served by the municipal system.
3. **Rates**
Monthly Charges:

<i>Customer Charge</i> per Meter:	\$ 20.00
<i>Non-Gas Commodity Charge:</i>	
All Therms, per therm	\$ 0.2160

Minimum Monthly Bill: \$ 20.00

Adjustment Clauses:
 - a. Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet Nos. 9, 9a, 9b)
 - b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet No. 10)
 - c. BTU Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet Nos. 12, 12a)
4. **Other Provisions**
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CLASS OF SERVICE: Commercial and Industrial
RATE DESIGNATION: Firm Sales Service

Rate No. 84

1. Applicability

This rate is available for firm gas volumes, on a contract basis, to commercial and industrial customers whose maximum requirements for natural gas are greater than 200 therms per day, and who may also require volumes of interruptible gas in excess of firm demand volumes for which they have contracted. If no historical peak day usage is available, the name plate input ratings of all gas burning equipment shall be used to determine a customer's maximum requirement.

2. Territory

The area served with natural gas by the Company in South Dakota.

3. Rates

Customer may choose the rate option, and level of daily contract demand (never less than 50 therms), which best fits the customer's needs.

Monthly Charges:

	<u>Option A</u>	<u>Option B</u>	
<i>Customer Charge</i> per Meter:	\$ 80.00	\$280.00	(I)
<i>Non-Gas Commodity Charge</i> , all use, per therm:	\$0.0388	\$0.0204	(I)
<i>Demand Charge</i> per therm of daily contract demand as shown on Sheet 9a.			

Gas Demand Payment Elections

- A. Annually - in advance, with 5% discount
- B. Seasonally profiled

January & February	20% of annual charge per month
March & December	15% of annual charge per month
April & November	10% of annual charge per month
May & October	5% of annual charge per month
June through September	0% of annual charge per month
- C. Monthly - 12 equal billings

In the absence of an appropriate election by customer Election "C" will be automatically assigned. Unless otherwise mutually agreed upon between the Company and customer all elections must be for a minimum period of twelve consecutive months.

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Commercial and Industrial

Rate No. 84

RATE DESIGNATION: Firm Sales Service

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Released Capacity and Balancing Services Surcharge:

For all therms taken during a month in excess of the product of the daily contract demand times the number of days in the billing period an additional \$0.0170 per therm shall be assessed and added to the Gas Commodity Charge shown on Sheet No. 9a. Costs collected will be credited to expense in Adjustment Clause filings. (T)

Minimum Monthly Bill:

The Customer Charge plus the amount for therms of contract demand (never less than 50 therms).

Adjustment Clauses:

- a. Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet Nos. 9, 9.1, 9a, 9b) (T)
- b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet No. 10)
- c. BTU Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet Nos. 12, 12a)
- d. Manufactured Gas Plant Removal Cost Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet No. 11)

4. Penalty Provision

If customer fails to comply with Company's request to curtail or in any way fails to limit the use of gas to the volume of Contract Demand specified in the contract, then all unauthorized gas in excess of Contract Demand so used shall be "Penalty Gas" and be paid by the Customer at a rate which is the greater of \$3.00 per therm or the maximum penalty charges permitted to be made by the Company's upstream service providers for takes of natural gas in excess of authorized limitations, in addition to the regular Commodity Charge for such gas. All costs collected will be credited to expense in Adjustment Clause filings. (T)

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RATE DESIGNATION: Firm Sales Service

Rate No. 84

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5. Surcharge Provision

During curtailment of service upstream service providers may have available to the Company gas under a different and higher-priced rate than the cost of gas on which this rate is based. In addition, the Company may have propane peak shaving gas available. The surcharge rate per therm for propane peak shaving will be based on beginning of month average propane inventory cost in South Dakota. Should such higher-priced gas be available, the Company may offer it to customers served by this rate schedule with an appropriate surcharge to recover the Company's additional costs in lieu of curtailing service under this rate schedule. All surcharge gas charges collected will be in addition to the regular Commodity Charge for such gas. Costs collected will be credited to expense in Adjustment Clause filings. (T)

6. Procedure for Curtailment of Service

Service, other than firm service, which is rendered under this rate schedule shall be subject to curtailment by the Company in accordance with the priority guidelines set forth in the Company's General Terms and Conditions, Section No. 5, Sheet No. 5.2. The Customer shall, as directed, curtail the use of natural gas in excess of firm contracted volumes upon two (2) hours notice by the Company, unless the notification is waived by the Customer.

7. Other Provisions

Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions, as set forth in Section No. 5.

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Commercial and Industrial
RATE DESIGNATION: Interruptible Sales Service

Rate No. 85

1. Applicability

Gas service under this rate schedule is available on an interruptible basis to any customer for commercial and industrial purposes, whose maximum requirements for natural gas are greater than 200 therms per day, provided that the customer's premises are adjacent to the Company's mains and that the capability of the Company's system and the supply of gas available from its suppliers is in excess of the requirements of its existing customers. If no historical peak day usage is available, the name plate input ratings of all gas burning equipment shall be used to determine a customer's maximum requirement.

2. Territory

The area served with natural gas by the Company in South Dakota.

3. Rates

Customer may choose the rate option which best fits the customer's needs.

<u>Monthly Charges:</u>	<u>Option A</u>	<u>Option B</u>	
<i>Customer Charge</i> per Meter:	<u>\$ 80.00</u>	<u>\$280.00</u>	(I)
<i>Non-Gas Commodity Charge</i> , all use, per therm:	<u>\$0.0388</u>	<u>\$0.0204</u>	(I)

Minimum Monthly Bill:

The Customer Charge.

Adjustment Clauses:

- a. Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet Nos. 9, 9a, 9b)
- b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet No. 10)
- c. BTU Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet Nos. 12, 12a)
- d. Manufactured Gas Plant Removal Cost Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet No. 11)

4. Penalty Provision

If customer fails to comply with Company's request to curtail the use of gas, then all unauthorized gas so used shall be "Penalty Gas" and be paid by the Customer at a rate which is the greater of \$3.00 per therm or the maximum penalty charges permitted to be made by the Company's upstream service providers for takes of natural gas in addition to the regular Commodity Charge for such gas. All costs collected will be credited to expense in PGA true-up filings.

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Commercial and Industrial
RATE DESIGNATION: Interruptible Sales Service

Rate No. 85

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5. Surcharge Provision

During curtailment of service upstream service providers may have available to the Company gas under a different and higher-priced rate than the cost of gas on which this rate is based. In addition, the Company may have propane peak shaving gas available. The surcharge rate per therm for propane peak shaving will be based on beginning of month average propane inventory cost in South Dakota. Should such higher-priced gas be available, the Company may offer it to customers served by this rate schedule with an appropriate surcharge to recover the Company's additional costs in lieu of curtailing service under this rate schedule. All surcharge gas charges collected will be in addition to the regular Commodity Charge for such gas. Costs collected will be credited to expense in PGA true-up filings.

6. Procedure for Curtailment of Service

Service rendered under this rate schedule shall be subject to curtailment by the Company in accordance with the priority guidelines set forth in the Company's General Terms and Conditions, Section No. 5, Sheet No. 5.2.

7. Other Provisions

Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions, as set forth in Section No. 5.

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Rate No. 85F

This rate is available to former City of Freeman customers on Tables 11 and 12.

The territory is limited to the city of Freeman and surrounding area previously served by the municipal system.

Monthly Charges:

Customer Charge per Meter: \$ 108.00

Non-Gas Commodity Charge:	
All Therms, per therm	\$ 0.1770

Minimum Monthly Bill: \$ 108.00

Adjustment Clauses:

- a. Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet Nos. 9, 9a, 9b)
- b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet No. 10)
- c. BTU Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet Nos. 12, 12a)

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RATE DESIGNATION: Interruptible Sales Service

Rate No. 85FAM

1. Applicability

This rate is available to former City of Freeman customers (AMPI) on Table 13.

2. Territory

The territory is limited to the city of Freeman and surrounding area previously served by the municipal system.

3. Rates

Monthly Charges:

Customer Charge per Meter: \$ 280.00

Non-Gas Commodity Charge:	
All Therms, per therm	\$ 0.1194

Minimum Monthly Bill: \$ 280.00

Adjustment Clauses:

- Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet Nos. 9, 9a, 9b)
- Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet No. 10)
- BTU Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet Nos. 12, 12a)

4. Other Provisions

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Commercial and Industrial

Rate No. 86

RATE DESIGNATION: Contract Sales Service

1. Applicability

This rate is available for gas volumes, on a contract basis, to commercial and industrial customers, including governmental entities. If no historical peak day usage is available, the nameplate input ratings of all gas burning equipment shall be used to determine a customer's maximum requirement.

2. Availability

This service is available to commercial and industrial customers, including governmental entities, with facilities served by the Company in South Dakota, with primarily space heating requirements, who have Company installed telemetric equipment in place to monitor daily usage. This service is available on either a firm or interruptible basis.

3. Rates

Customer may choose the rate option, and level of daily contract demand (never less than 50 therms), which best fits the customer's needs.

Monthly Charges:

Customer Charge per Meter:

Option A

Option B

\$ 130.00

\$330.00

Non-Gas Commodity Charge, all use, per therm:

\$0.0388

\$0.0204

Demand Charge per therm of daily contract demand as shown on Sheet 9a, as applicable to firm service customers, never less than 50 therms.

Unless otherwise mutually agreed upon between the Company and customer all elections must be for a minimum period of twelve consecutive months.

Released Capacity and Balancing Services Surcharge:

For all therms taken during a month in excess of the product of the daily contract demand times the number of days in the billing period an additional \$0.0170 per therm shall be assessed and added to the Gas Commodity Charge shown on Sheet No. 9a.

Such surcharges collected will be credited to expense in the Company's Adjustment Clause filings.

One-Time Charges:

Application Charge: \$50.00 with each request for service.

Telemetry: Standard cost of telemetry, installation and hardware, including appropriate tax gross-up, shall be \$2,100 per unit installed.

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Rate No. 86

RATE DESIGNATION: Contract Sales Service

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Minimum Monthly Bill:

The Customer Charge plus the amount for therms of contract demand.

Adjustment Clauses:

- a. Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet Nos. 9, 9.1, 9a, 9b)
- b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet No. 10)
- c. BTU Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet Nos. 12, 12a)
- d. Manufactured Gas Plant Removal Cost Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet No. 11)

4. Surcharge Provision

During curtailment of service, upstream service providers may have available to the Company gas under a different and higher-priced rate than the cost of gas on which this rate is based. In addition, the Company may have propane peak shaving gas available. The surcharge rate per therm for propane peak shaving will be based on beginning of month average propane inventory cost in South Dakota. Should such higher-priced gas be available, the Company may offer it to customers served by this rate schedule with an appropriate surcharge to recover the Company's additional costs in lieu of curtailing service under this rate schedule. All surcharge gas charges collected will be in addition to the regular Commodity Charge for such gas. Costs collected will be credited to expense in the Company's Adjustment Clause filings.

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Rate No. 86

RATE DESIGNATION: Contract Sales Service

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5. Curtailment of Service

Service, other than firm service, which is rendered under this rate schedule shall be subject to curtailment by the Company in accordance with the priority guidelines set forth in the Company's General Terms and Conditions, Section No. 5, Sheet No. 5.2. The Customer shall, as directed, curtail the use of natural gas in excess of firm contracted volumes upon two (2) hours notice by the Company, unless the notification is waived by the Customer. All unauthorized gas in excess of Contract Demand so used shall be "Penalty Gas" and be paid by the Customer at a rate which is the greater of \$3.00 per therm or the maximum penalty charges permitted to be made by the Company's upstream service providers for takes of natural gas in excess of authorized limitations, in addition to the regular Commodity Charge for such gas.

All Penalty Gas costs collected will be credited to expense in the Company's Adjustment Clause filings.

6. Gas Contracting Period

The gas contracting period will be April 1 – October 15 for the following November – April winter period. Gas contracts will be offered from 1 to 5 different times, at the Company's Gas Supply Department's discretion. During such offering periods, the Company will designate the price at which gas can be obtained for the winter period, and a customer may choose to select and contract for such price.

7. True-Up Mechanism

Rate 86 customers will have their own over/under recovery true-up mechanism. Balances will be collected over a 12 month period and will be reviewed monthly. The updated commodity rate will be filed monthly with the Commission. Customers choosing to leave the rate 86 tariff will be responsible for their pro rata share of the true-up balance at the time of their leaving rate 86 service.

8. Other Provisions

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Commercial and Industrial Rate No. 86

RATE DESIGNATION: Contract Sales Service

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9. **Contract:** Customer shall execute a written Service Request Form for transportation of customer-owned gas hereunder.
10. **Minimum Term:** The minimum term of the Service Request Form shall be one year. The Company, at its sole discretion, may allow a term less than one year. Should the Company file tariff changes or be ordered by the Commission to change this transportation tariff, Company will, at Customer's request, waive the one year minimum term and six month's notice of termination requirements.
11. **Filing:** Transportation will not commence until the Customer files with the Company a completed Service Request Form and all other applicable documentation.
12. **Metering:** In order to utilize the services provided under this Tariff, automatic metering equipment is required. All costs related to telemetering and any other facilities constructed or installed to provide any Transportation Service will be charged to the Customer but will remain the property of Company. The Customer will be required to provide telephone or other interfaces agreed to by the Company and electric connections, if necessary, to the meter and provide access to the Company for maintaining and operating such equipment.
13. **Request for Service:**
 - (a) Requests for service under this Tariff must be made by filing with the Company the information required on the form entitled "Service Request Form".
 - (b) Service under this Tariff will begin on the first of the month following a date which is thirty (30) days after the Service Request Form, and all additional information has been received by the Company. The Company may, at its sole discretion, reduce the request for service requirements.

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RATE DESIGNATION: Contract Sales Service

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14. **Successors and Assigns:** Any party which shall succeed by purchase, merger, or consolidation to the properties, substantially as an entirety, of any Customer shall be subject to the obligations of its predecessor in title under a Contract. No other assignment of a Contract or any of the rights or obligations hereunder shall be made unless there first shall have been obtained the consent thereto of the non-assigning party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Any party may assign its respective right, title, and interest in and to and under a Contract to a trustee or trustees, individual or corporate, as security for bonds or other obligations or securities without the necessity of any such assignee becoming in any respect obligated to perform the obligation of the assignor under a Contract and, if any such trustee be a corporation, without its being required to qualify to do business in any state in which performance of a Contract may occur.
15. **Return to Other Service Options:** Service is available under this Tariff at the Customer's option. If a Customer subsequently seeks to purchase system gas on a firm or interruptible basis, the Company shall grant such request only if, and to the extent that adequate System capacity, interstate transportation and supplies are available. The customer will be responsible for their pro rata share of the true-up balance. Customer has the option to make a one lump sum payment or pay through a surcharge over the following 12 months.
16. **Reference to Sales Tariff:** For all areas not addressed in this Tariff, such as Billing and Payments, the terms of the Service Rules and Regulations Section of the Company's sales tariff shall apply.

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Gas Transportation Tariffs
RATE DESIGNATION: Transportation Service

Rate No. 87

1. Applicability and Character of Service

This Transportation Service Tariff shall apply to gas purchased by Customer from a third-party supplier, or through an agency relationship with the Company, delivered to Company's system by an interstate pipeline, and received, transported, and delivered, on a firm basis, by Company to Customer's premises, when the Company and Customer have executed a Service Request Form.

2. Availability

This service is available to any Customer with facilities served by the Company in South Dakota who has Company installed telemetric equipment in place to monitor daily usage. Company shall have no obligation to provide gas supplies to customers that contract for this service without also contracting for Firm Supply Standby Service or other optional firm supply services that may be offered. In the event that a Customer seeks to purchase gas supplies from Company, such sales shall be at the sole discretion of Company.

3. Rates

Customer may choose the rate option which best fits the customer's needs.

Monthly Charges:

	<u>Option A</u>	<u>Option B</u>	
<i>Customer Charge</i> per Meter:	<u>\$130.00</u>	<u>\$330.00</u>	(I)
<i>Commodity Charge</i> , all use, per therm:	<u>\$0.0388</u>	<u>\$0.0204</u>	(I)

Fuel Retention, a Customer or Group Customer, if applicable, shall have the option to choose either an indexed based or inkind method to apply retention, as provided in the Gas Transportation General Terms and Conditions in Section No. 5 of this tariff.

One-Time Charges:

Application Charge: \$50.00 with each request for service.
Telemetry: Standard cost of telemetry, installation and hardware, including appropriate tax gross-up, shall be \$2,100 per unit installed.

Minimum Monthly Bill:

The Customer Charge.

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Adjustment Clauses:

- a. Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet Nos. 9, 9.1, 9b) (T)
- b. Tax Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet No. 10) (T)
- c. BTU Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet Nos. 12, 12a) (T)
- d. Manufactured Gas Plant Removal Cost Adjustment Clause shall apply. (Sheet No. 11) (T)

4. Other Provisions

Service will be furnished under the Company's General Terms and Conditions, as set forth in Section No. 5.

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RATE DESIGNATION: Customer Balancing

1. Obligations of Customer and Company:

Customer Obligation - Customer shall have the obligation to balance on a daily basis the receipt of transportation gas by the Company at the Receipt Point with deliveries of thermally equivalent quantities of gas by the Company to the Delivery Point ("Balance"). Differences between Daily Receipts and Deliveries ("Imbalances") shall be accumulated and recorded in a Customer account.

NorthWestern Energy will review the Customer's nomination made to the interstate pipeline. For purposes of determining distribution system imbalances, NorthWestern Energy will use the lesser of the volume confirmed on the interstate pipeline or the nomination submitted by the Customer to NorthWestern Energy.

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a) **Daily Balancing Limit** - The Customer is permitted to incur a daily Positive (Receipts greater than Deliveries) or Negative (Receipts less than Deliveries) Imbalance up to and including ten percent (10%) of the quantities delivered by the Company on the Customer's behalf, except on Critical Days.

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(b) **Short Critical Day** - The Customer is not permitted to incur a Daily Negative Imbalance but is permitted to incur an unlimited daily Positive Imbalance.

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- (c) Long Critical Day – The Customer is permitted to incur a Daily Positive Imbalance up to and including five percent (5%) and is permitted to incur an unlimited Negative Imbalance.
- (d) Operational Flow Order (OFO) – Company may call an OFO on a specific customer, multiple customers, or a Group Customer in order to limit critical day parameters to as small a segment of customers as possible. This customer or group will be subject to the same balancing parameters imposed on a Critical Day as outlined above.

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Company Obligation - The Company is obligated to supply daily meter readings to the Customer, their agent or supplier. In addition, the Company has the obligation to provide applicable factors as are necessary to compute the Customer's usage.

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2. Settlement of Imbalances:

On a monthly basis, the Customer will receive an Imbalance Statement from the Company which will show the daily quantities received by the Company on behalf of the Customer, Deliveries to the Customer's facilities and any Daily Imbalances resulting from the over or under delivery of gas.

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- (a) Imbalance Settlement - In addition to the applicable over/under delivery charges, cumulative daily Positive or Negative Imbalances at a delivery point will be deemed to have been sold to or bought from the Company at the applicable Gas Daily index prices plus applicable interstate pipeline transportation fees. The Customer's imbalance will be subject to the index pricing point on the pipeline they are served by. The Company will establish the pricing index points and transportation used for each pipeline. The Company may change this index point at its discretion via the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment, Section No. 3, Sheet No. 9b, that is filed monthly with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission. Customers with multiple index pricing points will be cashed out at a weighted cost of the pipeline index points listed in the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment, Section No. 3, Sheet No. 9b, that is filed monthly with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

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3. Over/Under Delivery Charges for Imbalances:

- (a) Daily - Customers are allowed Positive or Negative Imbalances equal to 10% without imbalance charges. Customers with a Positive or Negative Imbalance, after adjustment for optional balancing service, shall be subject to an additional charge at the rate of \$0.01 per therm (\$0.10 per Dth) up to 30% Imbalances. For imbalances greater than 30%, the imbalance charge is \$0.10 per therm (\$1.00 per Dth. These charges apply except for Critical or OFO days.

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(b) Short Critical Day - Customers with a Negative Imbalance will be charged \$0.50 per therm (\$5.00 per Dth) for the first 5% Negative Imbalance and will be assessed the greater of \$3.00 per therm (\$30.00 per Dth) or three (3) times the Chicago City-gates "Midpoint" Index price as reported in Gas Daily publication for any Negative Imbalance in excess of 5%.

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Customers with a Positive Imbalance on any Short Critical Day will not incur the daily \$0.10 per therm (\$1.00 per Dth) over delivery charge.

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- (c) Long Critical Day - Customers with a Positive Imbalance in excess of the free 5% will be charged \$1.00 per therm (\$10.00 per Dth). N
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Customers with a Negative Imbalance on any Long Critical Day will not incur the daily \$0.10 per therm (\$1.00 per Dth) under delivery charge. N
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- (d) Additional Charges - If the Company incurs additional charges due to a Customer's Imbalance, those costs will be passed on to the Customer. N
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The customer shall reimburse the Company for any penalty, storage, or other costs incurred by the Company or imposed on the Company by a pipeline as a result of any under or over delivery imbalance, daily, monthly or otherwise, caused by the customer. N
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If the Company incurs additional charges due to a Customer's Imbalance, which is in excess of the penalty recoveries from transportation customers, the net excess penalty will be collected on a pro rata basis from all parties that created the additional charges. N
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| (e) Revenue Sharing – Over/Under Delivery Charges for Imbalances shall be credited to the sales customers via the Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment filing. | N
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| (f) <u>Waiver of Penalties</u> – Regardless of Customer circumstances, the Company will not waive interstate pipeline imbalance charges that are incurred due to a customer imbalance. However, in the event of unanticipated, non-recurring conditions experienced by the Customer with their natural gas fueled equipment where the Customer as a result of problems with its natural gas fueled equipment was unable to use all quantities of gas confirmed for delivery (excluding changes in production levels by the Customer), the Company may waive its daily imbalance charges for the gas day the condition initially occurred. | N
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| Any imbalance charge paid by the Customer or waived by the Company, shall not be construed as giving the Customer the right to continue to create an imbalance on the system. | N
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4. Optional Daily Balancing Service:

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| (a) <u>Description</u> - A Customer or Group Customer shall have the option to choose a Daily Balancing Service ("DBS"). This balancing service is not available to customers on critical or OFO days. This is a delivery point service providing balancing tolerance, on a reasonable efforts basis, above or below the Customer's Receipts without the incurrence of Daily Over/Under Delivery Charges. This service is available on a monthly basis. The Customer must notify the Company of its DBS quantity coincident with reporting gas nominations for the first day of the month. If a Customer also elects to enter a Group Balancing arrangement, the Customer's DBS quantity becomes available for use by the Group Customer. DBS does not affect the monthly Settlement of Imbalances. | N
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(h) Intra-day Nominations: The Company and Customer shall agree to support the North American Energy Standards Board (NAESB) standard nomination timeline for nomination cycles that pertain to the upcoming and current gas days, referred to as grid-wide synchronization times, with Customer providing Company with notification of intra-day nomination changes concurrent with notification to the interstate pipeline, . The Company shall, at its discretion, allow non-grid final nomination changes to zone deliveries for those Customers who have contracted storage services with Northern Natural Gas Pipeline, but Customer must notify Company by e-mail prior to 7:30 a.m. of the affected gas day to allow time for confirmation of the new nomination. Nominations shall be implemented only if they are confirmed by the interstate pipeline. Company shall have the right at any time to limit acceptance of an intra-day or non-grid nomination on a non-discriminatory basis if system integrity will be placed in jeopardy.

1. Applicability and Character of Service

The customer or Agent shall have the option to choose intra-day hourly metering service. The intra-day hourly metering volume information is available to transportation Customers via email, at times specified by the Company. Company makes no warranty, whether express, implied or otherwise, regarding the timeliness, quality or accuracy of the information provided to Customer pursuant to this tariff.

2. Availability

This service is available to any gas transportation customer with facilities served by the Company who has Company installed, AC powered telemetry equipment in place to monitor daily usage. The Customer or their Agent must notify the Company three (3) working days prior to receiving the email data. The Customer will have the option of 18 and/or 21 hour email reads.

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3. Monthly Charges

Intra-day hourly metering charge \$5.00 per account

This charge will be applied to the invoice based on who elects the service. If the Customer elects the service, the charge will be applied to the Customer's monthly invoice. If the Agent elects the service, the charge will be applied to the monthly group invoice.

4. Bill Payment Provision

The rate is net. A late payment charge of 1.5 percent per month shall be added to the past-due amount if the bill is not paid by the due date.

- (j) Operational Flow Order (OFO): The Company may call an OFO on customers behind a specific pipeline, delivery zone, town border station; on a marketer, agent, group of customers, or specific customer. This OFO will result in requiring customers that the OFO was called on to balance gas volumes under either the Short or Long Critical Day provisions. The OFO will remain in effect until the operational condition requiring its issuance has been remedied. The type of OFO call and process the Company will use is as follows:

OFO call by pipeline, Delivery Zone, or Town Border Station (TBS). The Company will call a Short or Long Critical Day on a specific pipeline, delivery zone, or TBS for the following reasons:

1. When the Company experiences failure of transmission, distribution, gas storage or gas manufacturing facilities.
2. When the transmission system pressures or other unusual conditions jeopardize the operation of the Company's system.
3. When the Company's transportation, storage, and supply resources are being used at or near their maximum rated deliverability.
4. When any of the Company's transporters or suppliers call the equivalent of a Critical Day.
5. When the Company is unable to fulfill its firm contractual obligations or otherwise when necessary to maintain the overall operational integrity of all or a portion of the Company's system.
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OFO call by a marketer, agent, group of customers, or specific customer.
The Company will call a Short or Long Critical Day on a marketer, agent, group of customers or specific customer when, in the Company's judgment, the OFO is necessary to maintain or restore operational integrity when a marketer, agent, group of customers, or specific customer is significantly delivering long or short during periods of significant gas price changes.

- 13. Provisions Applicable to Third Party Suppliers:** If a Gas Transportation Customer wishes to utilize brokers, marketers, or other third party suppliers ("Third Party Suppliers") either as agents or as suppliers of gas into the Company's system, the Customer must notify the Company in writing of the Third Party Supplier that will be used in any particular gas month and whether the Third Party Supplier will be acting as agent for Customer for making nominations. If the Customer is using a Third Party Supplier, Customer agrees that as between Company and Customer, the Company shall be entitled to rely upon information concerning deliveries of natural gas on behalf of Customer provided by Third Party Supplier.
- 14. Failure to Comply:** If the Customer fails to comply with or perform any of the obligations on its part to be complied with or performed under a Schedule, the Company shall have the right to give Customer written notice of the Company's intention to terminate the Transportation on account of such failure. The Company shall have the right to terminate such Transportation at the expiration of five days after the giving of said notice, unless within five days the Customer shall make good such failure. Termination of such Transportation for any such cause shall be a cumulative remedy as to the Company, and shall not release the Customer from its obligation to make payment of any amount or amounts due or to become due from the Customer to the Company under the applicable Schedule. In order to resume Transportation after termination of service hereunder, it shall be necessary for Customer to file a new request for service.

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5. Optional Group Balancing Service:

(a) Description - The Customer shall have the option to choose a Group Balancing Service (GBS) with the same balancing provisions, on the same pipeline and in the same interstate pipeline operational zone. For purposes of calculating the level of Customer Imbalances incurred under the terms of this tariff, the Group Customer shall be considered to be one Customer and the sum of the individual Customers' DBS quantities shall be the minimum DBS quantity for the Group Customer. All Customers within a group must choose the same method of Fuel Retention. In all respects, the Customer shall operate individually under the provisions of this tariff. The Group Customer shall enter into a Group Balancing Agreement under this tariff, which shall be for a term of not less than one month. The term Group Customer shall mean a person, corporation, partnership, or other legal entity that provides gas under the parameters as specified above.

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(b) Applicability

(i) The Group Customer must execute a Supplier Service Agreement and must notify the Company of the Customers to be grouped, by Delivery Point(s), at least two (2) working days before the first of the month nominations are due. All billing will be based on the Group Customer's notification. Any requests to change Customers in a group after the notification timeframe outlined above will be accommodated at Company's discretion and shall be subject to a Rescheduling Service fee of \$50 for each Customer change in a Group.

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(ii) The Group Customer shall provide the Company a single combined daily nomination representing the sum of the daily nominations for all of the Delivery Points applicable to the Group Customer. The Group Customer shall retain

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information regarding individual nominations, which shall be provided to Company upon request. Each Delivery Point within the group must have operational telemetering in place.

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- (iii) If the Group Customer does not comply with the provisions of its Supplier Service Agreement, Company may terminate the Agreement and each Customer whose Delivery Point is part of the Group Customer will be individually responsible for the settlement of gas transportation imbalances and other charges regardless of payments that the Customer may have rendered to the Group Customer. The Group Customer shall remain responsible for Pipeline Imbalances, penalties, overrun charges or other charges it may create on the interstate pipeline system. Company reserves the right to terminate the Supplier Service Agreement for due cause upon three days of written notice. In the event the Agreement is terminated during any month, the Customers whose Delivery Points are within the Group Customer shall be billed separately for any imbalances and shall also be billed the Group Balancing Charge.

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In addition to the other services provided under transportation service, the Company also offers several standby service options. Under these service options the Company agrees to standby, on the terms set forth below, to provide gas supply to the Customer if the Customer is unable to secure all or a portion of the gas supply that the Company has agreed to transport.

1. Firm Supply Standby Service (FSS):

- (a) Description - A Customer may elect to receive Firm Supply Standby Service to assure continued gas service when their own gas supply is interrupted. The Customer will be permitted to contract for daily delivery capacity under this standby option. This service is available for an annual period.
- (b) Rates - The Gas Demand and Commodity Charge is shown on Sheet No. 9b.
- (c) Adjustment of Gas Cost - In connection with the Company's Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment, the Company will credit overall gas cost based on rates charged in section (b) above. The Company will provide this information under a separate section of the PGA filing.

2. Standby Supply Service (SSS):

- (a) Availability - This service is a market based alternative supply service which is available on a reasonable efforts basis to transportation Customers desiring to purchase supply from the Company. This service shall be available to transportation Customers who have lost their source of supply due to an emergency, but shall be available, at Company's discretion, under any other circumstances. Alternative supply may include pipeline authorize overrun service, storage inventories, LNG inventories, LP inventories, or any other supply which may be available from time to time on a reasonable efforts basis in the sole discretion of the Company. This service is only available to Customers who have Company installed telemetric equipment to monitor daily usage. The cost of the telemetric equipment shall be paid by the Customer and shall be equal to the standard cost of the meter, installation and hardware, including tax gross-up, where appropriate.

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- (b) Rates - The rate for this service shall be the Company's quoted rate for the type of supply provided. In addition to these charges, the quoted rate for the service shall include the commodity charge under the applicable rate schedule.

- (c) Adjustment of Gas Cost - In connection with the Company's Adjustment Clause, the Company will credit overall gas cost based on rates charged in section (b) above. The Company will provide this information under a separate section of the Adjustment Clause filing. T

- (d) Billing - Customer Billing for this service will be based on the amount nominated or Receipts. If actual usage exceeds nominations, the customer will be responsible for the actual volumes taken, plus any additional costs incurred by the Company, such as overrun charges on the deficient volumes. If actual usage is below nominations, the customer will be allowed to use the surplus volumes per the balancing provisions described subsequently in this tariff. For Billing purposes only, the gas delivered under this service shall be considered "first through the meter". T

- (e) Customer's Balancing Obligation
 - i) Transportation Customers will be subject to the balancing provisions applicable to their gas transportation service including DBS levels purchased. D
 - ii) Customer shall have the obligation to Balance, on a daily basis, Receipts and Deliveries of gas made under this tariff by the Company. Differences between Receipts and Deliveries shall be accumulated and recorded in a Customer account. The Customer shall manage Receipts and Deliveries so that the account balance shall be kept as near to zero as practicable.

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- (f) NorthWestern's Marketer/Gas Transportation Customer-
Creditworthiness Standards

1.1 Credit Evaluation:

This Policy has been developed to determine the ability of Marketers and/or Gas Transportation Customers ("Marketer/Customer") in meeting its obligations related to services under NorthWestern Corporation, D.B.A. NorthWestern Energy's ("NorthWestern") South Dakota Natural Gas Transportation Tariff and to mitigate NorthWestern's financial exposure against any potential risk of non-payment. These standards will be documented and available for all existing and prospective Marketer/Customers. A credit evaluation may occur at any time, not less than annually, and at NorthWestern's discretion. The following information (as produced in the normal course of business) will be required by each Marketer/Customer to enable NorthWestern to conduct its credit review:

- a. Last 2 years of Audited Financial Statements;
- b. Most recent annual report;
- c. Most recent quarterly report;
- d. Upon request by NorthWestern, any other reasonable commercial information that would assist in determining the Marketer/Customer's creditworthiness.

NorthWestern reserves the right to modify these standards at any time.

1.2 Creditworthiness:

The Credit Manager, using NorthWestern's Credit Policy and a credit-scoring model, will determine the amount of open credit that NorthWestern will grant to any given Marketer/Customer. The following components are used in calculating the Marketer/Customer's overall credit score:

- a. Traditional Information (payment history, years in business, rank within industry by asset size, number of years a customer, management expertise etc.).
- b. Proprietary Information (including Moody's Expected Default Frequency (EDF)).
- c. Financial Information.

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A score is calculated for each of the components above. The score from each component is then taken times a weighted percent to arrive at an overall score. The overall score is used to determine the amount of open credit.

If the overall credit score is not sufficient under NorthWestern's Credit Policy, the Marketer/Customer will be notified in writing of the amount of security that will be required.

If the above information in section 1.1 is not made available to NorthWestern, the Marketer/Customer will be required to post security with NorthWestern.

1.3 Acceptable Forms of Security:

- a. Cash Deposit.
- b. Irrevocable Letter of Credit (issuing bank must be investment grade).
 - (1) Costs associated with the Letter of Credit will be the obligation of the Marketer/Customer.
 - (2) Form of Letter of Credit will need to be approved by NorthWestern.
- c. Guarantee.
 - (1) The guarantor must go through the same credit review process as the Marketer/Customer.
 - (2) Guarantors must be legally affiliated with the counter-party or able to show an acknowledged beneficial interest in the counter-party.
- d. The Marketer/Customer may receive service if it prepays for such service an amount equal to the cost of performing the maximum level of Daily Balancing Service (DBS) for a three (3) month period in addition to the highest previous 12 month imbalance fee

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1.4 Suspension and/or Termination of Gas Transportation Service:

NorthWestern may suspend transportation service if:

- a. The Marketer/Customer is required to post security for transportation services in accordance with section 1.3, fails to provide such security, and such failure to post security is not corrected within five (5) business days following NorthWestern's notification to the Marketer/Customer of the need to cure such failure. Upon the occurrence of such a default, NorthWestern may initiate a proceeding to terminate service; or
- b. The Marketer/Customer fails, for any reason other than a billing dispute, to make payment to NorthWestern for the previous month's invoice, on or before the date specified on the invoice and such failure of payment is not cured within three (3) business days, then such an occurrence of default, will allow NorthWestern to terminate service.
- c. In the event of a billing dispute between NorthWestern and the Marketer/Customer, NorthWestern will continue to provide service under the Service Agreement as long as the Marketer/Customer: (1) continues to make all payments not in dispute, and (2) pays into an independent escrow account the portion of the invoice in dispute, pending resolution of such dispute. If the Marketer/Customer fails to meet these two requirements for the continuation of service, then NorthWestern may initiate a proceeding to terminate service.
- d. In the event a termination occurs with a Marketer/Customer, it is the sole responsibility for the end user of the Marketer/Customer to select and secure the services of an approved Marketer/Customer. Northwestern has no responsibility to a third party end user in the event that a particular marketer/customer is terminated pursuant to this policy

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Extended Service Rider

Rate No. ESR

1. **Applicability**

This rider schedule is available to all customers who have requirements of at least 2,000 therms per day (Rates 84, 85 or 87), and who have executed an extended service agreement with the Company.

2. **Customer Contract Obligations**

Qualifying customers that sign an extended service agreement with the Company will receive discounts on the non-gas portion of the commodity rate in accordance with the following table:

<u>Years Remaining in Contract Term</u>	<u>Discount</u>
More than four	8 percent
Four	4 percent
Three	3 percent
Two	2 percent
One	1 percent

All provisions of the Company's filed tariff not specifically changed by this rider schedule shall apply.

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ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE RATES

<u>Delivered Cost of Energy</u>	Per Therm Per Month
Freeman Customers Gas Commodity Charge (all classes except 85FAM)	\$ 0.84339
Rate No. 81 - Residential Gas Service Gas Commodity Charge	\$ 0.84339
Rate No. 82 - General Gas Service Gas Commodity Charge	\$ 0.84339

Rate No. 84, 86 - Commercial and Industrial-Firm & Contract Sales Service

Gas Demand Charge, per therm of daily contract demand (never less than 50 therms)

NNG Pipeline Capacity Costs

	<u>NNG Rate/Therm</u>	
39.39% of TF12 Base	\$0.7659	\$ 0.30
22.64% of TF12 Variable	\$0.9093	0.21
37.98% of TF5	\$1.5153	0.24
GRI Fee	\$0.0000	0.00
SBA Surcharge	\$0.0000	0.00
GSR Surcharge	\$0.0000	0.00
Order 528 Surcharge	\$0.0000	0.00
Stranded 858 Surcharge	\$0.0000	\$0.00
<u>Total Pipeline Capacity Costs</u>		\$ 0.75
<u>Supply Standby</u>		0.07
<u>Balancing Services</u>		0.09
<u>Total Demand Charge</u>		\$ 0.91

The above percentages are based on the Company's contract demand profile with
 NNG (52,924 MMBtu.)

<u>Rate Schedule</u>	<u>MMBtu Demand</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
TF12 Base	20,845	39.39%
TF12 Variable	11,981	22.64%
TF5	20,098	(1) 37.98%
<u>Totals</u>	<u>52,924</u>	100.00%

(1) Service is contracted for 5 months (15.83% is 5/12 ths of 37.98%)

Gas Commodity Charge

<u>Gas Supply</u> - Average of NNG Ventura and Demarcation Indices as reported in the first of the month issue of <u>Inside F.E.R.C. Gas Market Report</u> published for the month of billing	\$ 0.7133
<u>Fuel Use</u> - 1.48% NNG and 1.44% Company L&U	0.0213
<u>Gas Supply Management Fee</u>	0.0007
<u>Pipeline Transportation Charges</u>	0.0038
<u>Total Gas Component Charge</u>	\$ 0.7391

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ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE RATES(Con't)Delivered Cost of Energy (Con't):

Per Therm

Per Month

Rate No. 85 - Commercial and Industrial-Interruptible Sales Service

Gas Commodity Charge

Gas Supply - Average of NNG Ventura and Demarcation Indices
as reported in the first of the month issue of
Inside F.E.R.C. Gas Market Report published
for the month of billing

\$ 0.7133

Fuel Use - 1.48% NNG and 1.44% Company L&U

0.0213

Gas Supply Management Fee

0.0007

Released Capacity Surcharge

0.0140

Balancing Services

0.0030

Pipeline Transportation Charges

0.0038

Total Gas Component Charge

\$ 0.7561

Rate No. 86 - Gas Contract Sales Service

Rate No. 86 Gas Commodity Charge - Group 1

\$ 0.7398

Rate No. 86 Gas Commodity Charge - Group 2

\$ 0.7398

Rate No. 86 Gas Commodity Charge - Group 3

\$ 0.7398

Rate No. 86 Gas Commodity Charge - Group 4

\$ 0.7398

Rate No. 86 Gas Commodity Charge - Group 5

\$ 0.7398

Rate No. 86 Gas Commodity Charge - Group 6

\$ 0.7398

Rate No. 86 Gas Commodity Charge - Group 7

\$ 0.7398

Rate No. 86 Index

\$ 0.7398

Rate No. 86 True-up Surcharge

Rate No. 87 - Gas Transportation Firm Supply Standby Service

Gas Demand Charge, per therm of daily contract demand

Rate No. 84 supply standby costs

\$ 0.07

Rate No. 84 pipeline capacity costs

0.75

Total Demand Charge

\$ 0.82

Gas Commodity Charge

Rate No. 84 Gas Commodity Charge

\$ 0.7391

Imbalance Cashout Rate Index Points

Northern, Ventura 75%

Northern, Demarcation 25%

Ad Valorem Taxes Paid:

Rate No. 81 - Residential Gas Service

Commodity Charge

\$ 0.0148

Rate No. 82 - General Gas Service

Commodity Charge

\$ 0.0094

Rate No. 84 - Commercial and Industrial - Firm Sales Service

Commodity Charge - Option A

\$ 0.0061

Commodity Charge - Option B

\$ 0.0040

Rate No. 86 - Contract Sales Service

Commodity Charge - Option A

\$ 0.0061

Commodity Charge - Option B

\$ 0.0040

Rate No. 85 - Commercial and Industrial - Interruptible Sales Service

Commodity Charge - Option A

\$ 0.0061

Commodity Charge - Option B

\$ 0.0040

Rate No. 87 - Gas Transportation Service

Commodity Charge - Option A

\$ 0.0061

Commodity Charge - Option B

\$ 0.0040

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ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE

- (1) The commodity charge shall be increased or decreased by an adjustment amount per therm equal to the difference between the delivered cost of natural gas, ad valorem taxes paid and Commission approved fuel incentives pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-25 ("qualified costs") per therm of sales or throughput, or designated portions thereof as identified herein, and the base cost per therm included in applicable standard base rates, if any.
- (2) Qualified costs include:
- (I) Delivered cost of energy:
- (a) The cost of natural gas delivered to the distribution system including all costs incurred in procuring gas supply upstream of the Company's distribution facilities including, but not limited to, gas commodity cost, balancing, transportation, supply management fees, storage costs and peaking services, etc.
- (b) Any refund, including interest thereon, received by the Company from a pipeline transporter of charges paid and applicable to natural gas purchased for resale shall be refunded to the customer as a reduction in billings over the succeeding twelve month period or other period determined appropriate. However, in a case where a refund exceeds \$500,000, the Company shall file a refund for Commission review and approval.
- (c) Net revenues collected from settlement of transportation imbalances, over/under delivery charges for imbalances, additional charges collected for imbalances, transportation fuel retention, Rate No. 84, 85 and 86 (T) penalties and surcharges, charges for daily balancing service, and any other similar recovery of gas supply related costs will be credited to actual cost incurred. In addition, the Company will credit actual cost incurred for all recoveries of Gas Demand under Rate Nos. 84, 85, 86 (T) and 87, and Commodity Charges under Rate Nos. 84, 85 and 87, shown on Sheet Nos. 9a and 9b. Resulting under or over cost recoveries will be spread to Rate Nos. 81 and 82 sales over the last twelve months of the first thirteen month period following the incurrence of the cost recovery variance through re-entry in the Adjustment Clause calculation in the second month following the incurrence of the cost recovery variance.

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(II.) Ad Valorem Taxes paid: (C)

All ad valorem taxes accrued and adjusted for actual tax payments.

(III.) Commission approved fuel incentives: (C)

All Commission approved incentives, if any, less recovery pursuant to (I), or (II) above, if any.

(3) Variances in actual qualified costs incurred and costs recovered through the Adjustment Clause mechanism will be separately measured monthly for the delivered cost of energy, ad valorem taxes paid, and Commission approved fuel incentives. All accrued over or under variances shall be assessed a carrying charge or credit based upon the overall rate of return allowed by the Commission in the Company's last general rate filing. Each applicable end-of-month true-up balance, adjusted for the next eleven month's estimated over or under collection of cost, will be amortized into rates over the last twelve months of the subsequent thirteen month period. (C)

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Tax Adjustment Clause

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To the rates herein set forth, the Company may add all or any part of any special charge or special tax now imposed upon the Company by any governmental authority, or any new, special, or additional charge or tax which might be imposed as a result of laws, rules, regulations, or ordinances which may be amended, changed, adopted, or enacted by any governmental authority subsequent to the effective date hereof.

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BTU ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE

Customer metered and billable consumption in ccf volumes will be adjusted to the equivalent of 1000 British Thermal Units (BTU) per cubic foot.

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BTU ADJUSTMENT

CLASS OF SERVICE: All Classes

APPLICABILITY:

This adjustment is applicable to metered consumption billable under all retail rates.

<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>
September 2, 2004	1016
October 2, 2004	1013
November 2, 2004	1012
December 2, 2004	1016
January 2, 2005	1015
February 2, 2005	1014
March 2, 2005	1012
April 2, 2005	1013
May 2, 2005	1014
June 2, 2005	1006
July 2, 2005	1013
August 2, 2005	1024
September 2, 2005	1025
October 2, 2005	1008
November 2, 2005	1017
December 2, 2005	1027
January 2, 2006	1030
February 2, 2006	1015
March 2, 2006	1007
April 2, 2006	1008
May 2, 2006	1008
June 2, 2006	1013
July 2, 2006	1013
August 2, 2006	1008
September 2, 2006	1009
October 2, 2006	1008
November 2, 2006	1007
December 2, 2006	1007
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April 2, 2007	1011
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ABERDEEN	0.971
ALEXANDRIA	0.958
ALTAMONT	0.958
ARLINGTON	0.952
AURORA	0.960
BIG STONE	0.974
BRISTOL	0.955
BROOKINGS	0.960
BRYANT	0.952
CANISTOTA	0.961
CASTLEWOOD	0.959
CLARK	0.952
CLEAR LAKE	0.952
CONDE	0.971
DESMET	0.957
DIMOCK	0.969
DOLAND	0.971
ESTELLINE	0.958
ETHAN	0.969
FERNEY	0.971
FRANKFORT	0.964
GOODWIN	0.948
GROTON	0.971
HAZEL	0.955
HOLMQUIST	0.955
HOWARD	0.961
HURON	0.972
KRANZBURG	0.948
LABOLT	0.974
LAKE NORDEN	0.959
LAKE PRESTON	0.957
MADISON	0.958
MARION	0.969
MENNO	0.969
MILBANK	0.974
MITCHELL	0.971
MONROE	0.969
MOUNT VERNON	0.958
OLDHAM	0.956
OLIVET	0.969
PARKER	0.969
PARKSTON	0.967
RAYMOND	0.971
REDFIELD	0.971
REVILLO	0.948
SCOTLAND	0.969
SPENCER	0.971
TRIPP	0.964
TURTON	0.971
VERDON	0.964
VIENNA	0.955
VOLGA	0.959
WARNER	0.971
WEBSTER	0.952
WILLOW LAKE	0.955
YALE	0.972

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CLASS OF SERVICE: Temporary Retention Service
 Rider (TRS)

Rate No. TRS

1. Applicability

This rider is available to all interruptible customers who have requirements in excess of 1999 therms per day and have alternate fuel capability. Service pursuant to the rider is subject to having an executed Temporary Retention Service Agreement ("TRS Agreement") with the Company.

2. Customer Contract Obligations

Qualifying customers must sign a TRS Agreement to purchase natural gas from the Company to satisfy the customer's energy requirements as specified in the TRS Agreement. The term of the TRS Agreement shall be negotiable between the parties provided such term will not exceed a 60 day period. The Company shall submit a copy of each executed TRS Agreement to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission. The terms of the TRS Agreement shall become effective ten (10) days after submission of the TRS Agreement to the Commission unless rejected or otherwise suspended by action of the Commission.

3. Territory

The area served with natural gas by the Company in South Dakota.

4. Rate

The commodity rate shall be the mutually agreed upon rate specified in the TRS Agreement.

Negotiated TRS rates shall affect commodity rates only. Customers receiving service pursuant to firm or joint firm and interruptible rate schedules shall continue to pay applicable demand charges. All provisions of the Company's filed tariff shall be applicable to customers taking service pursuant to this rider except that commodity rates shall be as negotiated by the parties and as specified within the TRS Agreement.

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